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very difficult for me now to recollect from memory the circumstances under which I wrote those notes and then communicate them to the Hon. Minister. It will be quite easy for the Hon. Minister to obtain the file from the Dean."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not see any difficulty in the hon. Member placing his suggestions before me."

Number and place of meetings of the Board of Public Health held from 1st April 1949.

* 72 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and place of meetings of the Board of Public Health held from 1st April 1949; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Health appealed to the members of the Public Health Board at one of its meetings held at Ootacamund in 1949–50 to bring forward subjects for the consideration of the Board, as there was dearth of subjects for discussion?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Six meetings of the Public Health Board were held from 1st April 1949 till date. Three were held at Madras and three at Ootacamund.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to place a copy of the proceedings of the Board meetings on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think it is necessary, Sir."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" We require it for our information. We do not know what transpired there."

Deputation of medical officers abroad for higher studies in radiology.

* 73 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to send on deputation abroad any medical officer of the State for higher studies in radiology;

(*b*) if so, the period of the proposed deputation;

(*c*) whether the Government had called for any applications from among the State medical officers for such a deputation; and

(*d*) if so, the qualifications prescribed for the applicant?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have under consideration a proposal submitted by the

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Director of Medical Services for the training abroad of medical officers in radiology. The details of the scheme have not yet been settled."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know, Sir, what class of doctors are sent on deputation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Doctors who have got the necessary qualification are sent abroad for such post-graduate training as is required for the work we have in our hospitals."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Is it not a convention that only those who possess Civil Surgeon's qualifications are sent on deputation and not those who possess the qualification of Civil Assistant Surgeon? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, we have at present the Barnard Institute, the Women and Children's Hospital, the Madurai New College and the Mangalore New Hospital where we require radiologists with foreign post-graduate qualifications. The Director of Medical Services has proposed that two officers may be sent abroad every year for post-graduate training in radiology."

11-20 a.m. DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Is there no new Post-Graduate Diploma course in the Barnard Institute of Radiology? Where is the necessity to send people at considerable expense to foreign countries? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am surprised at the ignorance of the hon. Member. There is only a short combined diploma course for radio therapy and diagnosis."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Is it not a Post-Graduate Diploma? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is not considered sufficient for teaching work by the University."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I will now take up the next question."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Order, order. When the Chairman is standing the hon. Member should resume his seat."

Damage to standing crops in districts affected by the recent paddy pest.

* 74 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the districts affected by the recent paddy pest;

(*b*) whether any investigation has been made as to the cause of the pest and if so, what remedial measures have been adopted to combat the same;